

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-397) adds a provision to the bill that restores \$1,877,937.42 in federal impact aid funds to school units in fiscal year 1995-96. No new dollars will be needed because the fiscal year 1994-95 ending balance in the general purpose subsidy account for public schools is expected to be sufficient to make these payments. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1011**      **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Education to Reduce  
the Number of Superintendents in the State to 25**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Education to develop a plan that will reduce the number of superintendents in the State to 25. The plan must be implemented by January 1, 1997.

**LD 1019**      **An Act Concerning Officiating at High School Athletic  
Competitions**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AHEARNE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits certain school and community employees, administrators or officials or relatives of players from officiating at interscholastic high school athletic competitions on penalty of forfeiture of the athletic event to the opposing team and a 2-year suspension of the offending official.

**LD 1020**      **An Act Pertaining to Cost Sharing of Central Office  
Expenses among Administrative Units in a School Union**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that costs of a school union superintendent and central office be apportioned to the school administrative units in the school union in proportion to the number of students in each school administrative unit.

**LD 1021**      **An Act Authorizing the State Board of Education to Adopt  
Rules Regarding Certain Early Childhood Personnel**      PUBLIC 207

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
AULT	OTP-AM	H-284

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding the certification and authorization of early childhood personnel who provide educational programs, developmental therapy and special instruction to children with disabilities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-284) makes technical changes to the bill and adds a fiscal note.